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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Nonpartisan Ballots. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures today.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

NONPARTISAN BALLOTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Bars candidates for state elective office from listing their political party preference, or lack of political party preference, on the election ballot. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **No significant change in costs to state or local governments to administer elections.** (15-0122.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1780 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 15-0122.

The proponent of the measure, Jesus Angel Cisneros, must collect the signatures of 585,407 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the November 2014 general election) in order to qualify it for the November 2016 ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by August 24, 2016. The proponent can be reached c/o Bradley W. Hertz at (818) 593-2949 or bhertz@campaignlawyers.com.

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